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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A CORRECTED

X-RAY IMAGE DATA SET

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

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AA United States Patent No. 5,832,055

AL DE 197 19 954 A1

20 AT "The Physics of Computed Radiography," Rowlands, Phys. Med. Biol., Vol. 47 (2002) R123-R166

AU "Digitale Detektorsysteme für die Projektionsradiographie," RöFo Fortschr. Röntgenstr., Vol. 173 (2001), pgs 1137-1146

AV "Langzeitergebnisse der Konstanzprüfung an einem Spechierfoliensystem," Krause et al., Jahrestagung Med. Physik Gmunden (2002)

## **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Reference AU was identified and discussed at pages 1 and 5 \_\_\_\_ of the substitute specification. A complete English translation of that reference is not readily available to the Applicant, however, in addition to the statements in

the specification concerning that reference, Reference AU contains an English language Abstract.

References AL, AT and AV were cited in the International Search Report rendered during earlier PCT examination of the present application.

Reference AA is a further reference known to the Applicant that discloses a method for correcting defects in a radiation image by generating a calibration matrix that contains respective correction values for each pixel. The values in the calibration matrix represent, for each pixel, the deviation of the value that is effectively obtained for the pixel when the recording medium is subjected to a flat field exposure, and the value that would be expected in the pixel.

Copies of References AL, AT, AU and AV are submitted herewith, together with Form 1449 on which all of the references are listed.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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